

WHAT IS CLAIMED IS

1. A car audio/video equipment comprising:
 - a chassis including a front side having a bottom
5 part;
 - a playing mechanism provided in the chassis;
 - a control panel provided on the chassis front side
for operating the playing mechanism, the control panel
having a bottom part detachably hinged to that of the
10 chassis front side such that the panel is pivotable
between an upward position lying flat on the chassis front
side and a downward position extending therefrom for
operation; and
 - a wireless link provided between the control panel
15 and the playing mechanism such that the playing mechanism
is operable by the control panel when the panel is
detached from the chassis, acting as a remote controller.
2. The car audio/video equipment as claimed in claim 1,
20 wherein the control panel has a first side adjacent the
chassis front side, on which a plurality of control keys
is provided for operating the playing mechanism.
3. The car audio/video equipment as claimed in claim 2,
25 wherein the control panel includes a second side opposite
the first side, the second side being substantially blank.
4. The car audio/video equipment as claimed in claim 1,

wherein each bottom part of the chassis front side and the control panel has left and right corners adjacent those of the other bottom part respectively, and the adjacent corners of each of the left and right pairs are releasably
5 hinged together.

5. The car audio/video equipment as claimed in claim 1, wherein a releasable catch is provided between the chassis front side and the control panel for holding the panel in
10 the upward position.

6. The car audio/video equipment as claimed in claim 1, wherein the control panel dips at an acute angle in the downward position.

15 7. The car audio/video equipment as claimed in claim 1, wherein the control panel has generally the same shape and size as the chassis front side, and in the upward position covers substantially the entire chassis front side.

20 8. The car audio/video equipment as claimed in claim 1, wherein the wireless link comprises an infrared link.

9. The car audio/video equipment as claimed in claim 1,
25 wherein the wireless link is provided by a pair of transmitter and receiver located at the control panel and the chassis front side respectively at positions generally aligned with each other such that the playing mechanism is

operable by the control panel when the panel is attached to the chassis.

10. The car audio/video equipment as claimed in claim 9,
5 wherein the control panel is hinged to the chassis for pivotal movement generally about a horizontal hinge axis, and the transmitter and receiver are located adjacent the hinge axis.
- 10 11. The car audio/video equipment as claimed in claim 10, wherein the transmitter and receiver are located at substantially central positions as between left and right along the width of the control panel and chassis.
- 15 12. The car audio/video equipment as claimed in claim 10, wherein the transmitter and receiver are located at the same bottom corners of the control panel and chassis front side respectively.